GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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MESSAGING SERVICE OF BSNL
PRABHA RAU

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) have signed a contract worth of 17 million dollars with `Comverse`, U.S. based company, for providing unified messaging service;

(b) if so, whether the contract envisages the development and offering voice mail and pre-paid solutions in many languages;

(c) if so, the main features of the proposed system to be introduced; and

(d) the benefit to be derived therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Unified Messaging Service (UMS) is only one of the components of a Turnkey project of commissioning Cellular Mobile Service on a zonal basis.

(c) & (d): The UMS includes the provisioning & delivery of Fax mail, e-mail & Voicemail services through any access which may be a computer, an ordinary telephone or a mobile telephone thus providing considerable flexibility for access to the customers.